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Sexual Battery Incident

On October 29, 2014 the Pleasanton Police Department responded to the report of two separate incidents of a male suspect groping female pedestrians. The first incident occurred at 7:00 pm in the area of Golden Road and Hopyard Road. The female victim reported she had been walking from the area of Downtown and saw the male suspect following her. As she reached a walkway of a housing area, the male suspect quickly walked past her and groped her buttocks.

Approximately one hour later a suspect matching the same description approached two women who were walking on Case Ave. The male followed the women briefly then grabbed one of the women as he walked past them. He fled into an apartment complex parking lot but was not located.

The suspect is described as a light skinned African American male, 20-40 yrs. old, 5'6-5'10" tall, weighing 230-250 pounds, and he had a bald or closely shaved head. At the time of the incidents he was wearing a horizontally striped blue and white polo style shirt which had wider blue stripes than white stripes. The suspect was also wearing long blue denim shorts which had a design on the rear pockets.

At no time did the suspect attempt to pull the victims or otherwise restrict their movements.

Anyone with information about the possible identity is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 925-931-5100

The Pleasanton Police Department reminds residents to take the following precautionary measures when walking or jogging:

- Maintain awareness of your surroundings and pay close attention to others.
- Walk with a companion or a leashed dog.

- If ear buds or headphones must be used, use them only in one ear so surrounding sounds can still be heard.
- Always have a cell phone and carry an object such as keys or a walking stick to be used as a defensive weapon if necessary.
- Walk in well-traveled and lighted areas and know your surroundings.
- Tell a friend or loved one of your route and estimated time of return.
- If you believe you are being followed, do not hesitate calling police and go to a nearby business or well-traveled and lighted area. Suspects in these types of crimes generally like anonymity and are highly discouraged when their presence is noted and any attention is drawn to them.